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Warren Heads Panel to Probe Assassination

President Names 7-Man Group to Report to Nation

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A special commission headed by Chief Justice Warren has been appointed by President Johnson to investigate "all facts and circumstances" relating to the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Under the President's directive, the investigation also will include the circumstances of the slaying of the accused assassin of the late President by a Dallas night club operator.

Mr. Johnson last night announced the appointment of the seven-member top-level commission with bipartisan congressional representation. In a statement the White House said:

"The President is instructing the special commission to satisfy itself that the truth is known as far as can be discovered, and to report its findings and conclusions to him, to the American people and to the world."

Other Members Named

Other members of the commission are:

Senators Russell, Democrat of Georgia, and Cooper, Republican of Kentucky.

Representatives Boggs, Democrat of Louisiana, and Ford, Republican of Michigan.

Allen Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and John J. McCloy, New York banker, who has served in many top-level government positions.

As the White House announcement was being made in the early evening, the President, in his office, was signing an executive order formally creating the commission. The order was to be made public today.

In it the commission was given subpoena and all other "necessary powers" to carry out the investigation. The President ordered all Federal agencies and offices to cooperate and provide services for the commission and empowered the commission to conduct any further investigation that it deems necessary.

Prompt Start Expected

Under an earlier directive, the FBI has been making an all-out inquiry. The Presidential order directs that all evidence it has uncovered be turned over to the commission.

In addition, the White House said the findings of a Texas court of inquiry, ordered by Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr, will be made available to the commission.

The White House said the President had talked personally by telephone with each member of the commission before the announcement was made.

There was no time limit set on the commission's making its report. But the commission is expected to begin work at once, with the Chief Justice setting the time and place for the first meeting and the circumstances under which its work would be carried out.

The White House said the President had consulted with

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ALLEN DULLES



SENATOR RUSSELL



REPRESENTATIVE FORD



JOHN J. McCLOY



SENATOR COOPER



REPRESENTATIVE BOGGS

President Johnson has named these men to a special commission headed by Chief Justice Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.—AP Photo.

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Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate and House with respect to the special commission.

Its creation is expected to head off congressional probes into the assassination.

Forecast by Boggs

Before the announcement was made, the Senate Judiciary Committee had said it would conduct an inquiry. But Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, who heads the committee, said at his home in Mississippi he would not pursue the matter.

The announcement was forecast by Representative Boggs after several House members demanded an investigation. Early in the day, Mr. Boggs told the House he was sure the President would name a commission to conduct the investigation.

What effect, if any, the special inquiry would have on the prospective trial of Jack Ruby, alias Jack Ruby, the Dallas night club operator, was not indicated.

Ruby already has been indicted on charges of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, as he was about to be removed from the Dallas police headquarters to the jail there.

All members of the special commission have legal backgrounds, but most of them have not been active in the field in many years.

Sketches of Members

The following is a thumbnail sketch of each:

Chief Justice Warren—A vigorous 72, he has been behind more than 10 years as the Nation's top judicial officer. He was Governor of California from 1943 to 1953 and, in 1948, was the Republican candidate for Vice President on the ticket with Thomas E. Dewey. Before becoming Governor, he was attorney general of California from 1939 to 1943 and before that was district attorney of Alameda County, California.

Senator Russell—The second-ranking member of the Senate in seniority, the 65-year-old Georgian is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and is regarded by many as the most influential member of the Senate. While trained as a lawyer, Senator Russell has spent most of his life in public service. He was for two terms speaker of the Georgia House and Governor of Georgia.



CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN

—AP Photo.

ing the depression years. He entered the Senate in 1933 at the age of 35.

Senator Cooper—The 62-year-old Kentuckian has a background of law and diplomacy in addition to his Senate service. Before moving onto the national scene, he served as a circuit judge and as a county judge in his home State. He has been a State Department adviser, delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and was Ambassador to India in 1955 and 1956 before

returning to the Senate after an earlier term.

Representative Boggs—He was 32 years old and the youngest member of the House when he was first elected in 1946. He is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and, since the second session of the 87th Congress, he has been the Democratic whip.

Representative Ford—A graduate of the Yale Law School, war veteran and regarded as one of the bright young men of the Republican Party, he has been a member of the House since 1948. He is now chairman of the House Republican Conference and has been regarded in some quarters as a possible vice presidential candidate in next year's election.

Mr. Dulles—At 70, the former director of the CIA has behind him a lifetime of active Government service as a diplomat and top intelligence director. He is the brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Mr. McCloy—A 68-year old lawyer-banker, Mr. McCloy has filled many top Government assignments. He is the past president of the World Bank and was the United States High Commissioner for Germany from 1949 to 1952. Since then he has been called on for important assignments involving Germany and European relations.

Congress' Aid Expected

Within the general authority of his office, the President can appoint such commissions to make inquiries as he wishes. An act of Congress, however, will be required to provide the power to subpoena witnesses and documents.

It was taken for granted that Congress would promptly pass a bill providing such power.

The commission will investigate the killing of Lee H. Oswald, President Kennedy's accused slayer, as well as "all facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of the late President," according to the White House announcement.